

REMARKS

Double Patenting

5 Claims 1-20 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of copending Application No.10709935. Applicant has included a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the provisional rejection as the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant firstly thanks the examiner for indicating the claim 1 is allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under double patenting and set forth the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claim 1 identifies the uniquely distinct feature of
15 an echo canceller comprising: “a pull-up current source for increasing a DC level of the echo canceller”. Therefore, applicant maintains the claims 1-19 without amendment, and it is believed that claims 1-19 are patentable over those of cited references. On the other hands, claim 20 has been amended in this response for getting a proper protection in this invention. After such amendment with considering the reasons for the indication of allowable subject
20 matter, applicant also believes that claim 20 as whole is still patentable over cited references. Other dependent claims 21-22, which is newly added in this application, incorporated to claim 20 should be allowable if finally claim 20 is found allowable.

25 Additionally, applicant has replaced the original abstract by new abstract including a concise statement of the technical disclosure of applicant’s disclosure.

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In light of above remarks, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Sincerely yours,

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